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Sales Tax Exemption for Sale of Bibles, Korans, Testaments, Religious Papers, Similar Items Rescinded

ATLANTA—A federal court has ruled that the sale of Bibles, Korans, Testaments, religious papers, and similar items are not exempt from Georgia's state and local sales and use tax. Based on the ruling, the Georgia Department of Revenue is required to begin the process of notifying businesses that they must start collecting the tax on such sales immediately.

This action is a result of a court order issued on Feb. 6 by Judge Richard W. Story, United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia, that declared the sales tax exemption for such sales was unconstitutional. The Revenue Department has asked the Attorney General's office to appeal the ruling.

Individuals or business representatives who have questions regarding this issue can contact the Georgia Department of Revenue at 404-417-2100.

Additional information is available on the Department's website at www.dor.ga.gov.

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